clothing; agricultural forestry and fishery products; and processed foods and beverages. Since our existing and potential export competitiveness largely lies in these areas, India should get its due share in the overall gains from the Uruguay Round Agreements in these Sectors.

(e) A Statement is given below:

(Rs. Crores)

Period	Exports	Imports
April-Sept., 1992	24403.33	31888.24
April-Sept., 1993	32461.19	33842 54
April-Sept., 1994	36455.16	40315 18

(f) The expected growth rate in exports and imports in volume terms by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan is respectively 13.6% and 8.4%

राज्य व्यापार निगम द्वारा दालों का आयात

775. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में दालों की उपलब्धता इसकी मांग की तुलना में कम है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने दालों का आयात करने का दायित्व राज्य व्यापार निगम को सौंपा है , और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कौन-कौन सी दालों का उनकी मात्रा सहित, आयात किया जाना है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) से (ग) जी हां, चालू आयात-निर्यात नीति के उपबंधों के अनुसार, दालों का मुक्त रूप से आयात किया जा सकता है। अपने वाणिज्यिक क्रियाकलापों के एक भाग के रूप में एसटीसी भी दालों का आयात घरेलू एवं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कीमतों में समानता देखते हुए समय-समय पर करता रहा है। जनवरी 1994 से अब तक एसटीसी ने लगभग 15343 मी० टन दालों का आयात कर लिया है। समय-समय पर आयात की गई दालों की विभिन्न किस्में ये हैं–डान पीज, टाइसन चिक पीज , चिक पीज, ब्लैक मैट्पे, हरी मूंग और हरी मटर आदि ।

Turnover of MMTC

776. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether MMTC has shown a fall in its turnover from Rs. 5,122.44 crores in 1992-93 to Rs. 3,217.35 crores in 1993-94 in its trade abroad ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) what is the export record of MMTC for the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and anticipated for 1994-95 indicating the profits earned each year after tax payments and whether declaration of dividend for 1993-94 has been made and if so, at what rate ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take or have taken so far to increase the turnover in 1994-95

of MMTC with further improvement in profitability and excellent financial management/trading margins ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Consequent to liberalisation of trade and economic policies since July '91, the performance of MMTC has been affected particularly on the import side, as a large number of items which were canalised through it, have been decanalised.

(c) MMTC's exports made during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and anticipated exports for 1994-95 showing the profits after tax (PAT) for these years and the rate of Dividend declared for 1993-94 have been given below :

(Val : in Rs. crores)

	Years		
	1992-93 (Performance)	1993-94 (Performance)	1994-95 (Anticipated Exports)
Exports (incl. Counter-trade)	1674.81*	1371.30	1417.75
PAT	61.00	51.89	
Dividend	30%	30%	

*includes exports of iron ore concentrate by KIOCL worth Rs. 23.42 crores which item is not included.

in subsequent years as KIOCL started exporting on its own.

(d) In the era of liberalisation and decanalisation of major items, of interest to MMTC, the Company has been in the process of diversifying its business activities into new areas like Gold; Gems & Jewellery; Agro Products; Marine Products; Building Matrial; Textile; Leather Products; Chemicals; Drugs & Pharmaceuticals etc. MMTC has been investing its resources for setting up of large joint venture projects. MMTC has also set up its foreign offices to promote non-canalised exports. These efforts have shown on upward trend in its total turnover.

Indo-Russian Joint Commission

777. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission for Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological co-operation was held in Moscow in September, 1994;

(b) if so, the agenda of the meeting and the decisions taken thereon;

(c) the details of the delegation which participated from both the countries;

(d) whether the issue relating to use of the funds available from India as repayment of State Credit given by the former USSR to construct power stations in India with Russian equipment and technical know how and Russian proposal for aiding India in core sectors were discussed at this meeting; and

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating therein the particular core sectors for which Russia will be aiding India ?